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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE: MESSAGES FROM FOREIGN

LEADERS AND PRESENTATION OF AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIALS

1. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM FOREIGN LEADERS TO NEW
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BEING SUMMARIZED AND LISTED IN GROUPS EACH DAY. MESSAGE FROM

PRESIDENT FORD AND MESSAGE FROM CHOU EN-LAI WERE PUBLICIZED IN THIS MANNER. HOWEVER, FOR REASONS WHICH ARE NOT CLEAR, MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT PODGORNYY OF USSR AND UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WERE PUBLISHED IN FULL OFFICIAL TEXT WITH GOOD COVERAGE.

2. PRIOR TO THE SWEARING-IN OF NEW GOVERNMENT, JULY 3, 18 AMBASSADORS PRESENTED THEIR CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT MACHEL, WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO PRESENT. PRESS LISTED THEM IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, GUINEA, SOMALIA, CONGO BRAZZAVILLE, ZAIRE, EGYPT, NIGERIA, CHINA (PRC), GDR, NORTH KOREA, CAMBODIA, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN, DENMARK, NORWAY, INDIA AND GUINEA-BISSAU.

3. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO ORDER OF PRESENTATION, EXCEPT THAT PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN FIRST TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS AS PORTUGAL WISHED.

4. MACHEL GAVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS OF TANZANIAN AND ZAMBIAN AMBASSADORS, EVENT WHICH TOOK PLACE JUNE 28, DAY EARLIER THAN OTHERS. HE EVEN VISITED OFFICES OF NEW TANZANIAN EMBASSY. IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHO WILL BE DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

5. BRITISH HAVE STILL NOT RECEIVED AGREEMENT FOR THEIR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE, JOHN LEWEN, WHO IS HERE FROM HIS JOB AT NATO SECRETARIAT BRUSSELS, AND WILL WAIT FOR AT LEAST A FEW MORE DAYS. THERE AS ALSO BEEN NO MENTION OF AMBASSADOR TOZZOLI, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN DAR ES SALAAM, PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS.

6. ON JUNE 26, PRESIDENT MACHEL RECEIVED INVITED DELEGATES. AMONG AMERICANS RECEIVED WERE WILLIAM COTTER AND FRANU FERRARI OF AFRICAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE, WHO WERE CORDIALLY GREETED BY MACHEL AND DOS SANTOS, ALAN EGMOND OF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, CARR OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AS WELL AS MEMBDRS OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR FREE MOZAMBIQUE, WHO WERE PICTURED IN NEWSPAPERS (AS COTTER AND FERRARI HAD BEEN) UPON THEIR ARRIVAL. ALL MEMBERS OF CODEL DIGGS HAD LEFT BY MORNING OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUNE 26, SO WERE NOT PRESENTED TO MACHEL.

7. PRESS ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 29 THAT SOVIET DELEGATION CARRIED INVITATION FROM PODGORNYY TO MACHEL TO VISIT USSR. NO COMMENT WAS CARRIED ON MACHEL'S RESPONSE.
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